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Helena, MT

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Sir:

As you realize, the southeast part of Montana has been in drought for the past 7 or 8 years, and this coming year doesn't look to be any better!

If it were possible to put some of this CBM water to use, especially in reservoirs or ponds, I don't mean to fill them, but at least a third full, so if, by chance we'd get a run off, they possibly wouldn't wash out. Also, having the bottoms wet, they'd have a better chance of holding run off, for it takes quite a bit of moisture to soak up a dry pond, usually more than we normally get.

[We have 19 dry reservoirs and 5 major drainages on my operations. All reservoirs are dry. The main drainage running the length of the ranch has dried up $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through. The other drainage runs along the south end, which is the Tongue River. As for the other drainages, they are dry.

If this water could be put into these dry ponds and such, they should help the local aquifers by infiltration. One should have to pull cattle out of these mud creeks and ponds to see what it's like not to have water. My operation is running $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cow numbers we should be thanks to the drought.

We could sure use a sip of this CBM water for our livestock and the State's wildlife.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Charles Larsen

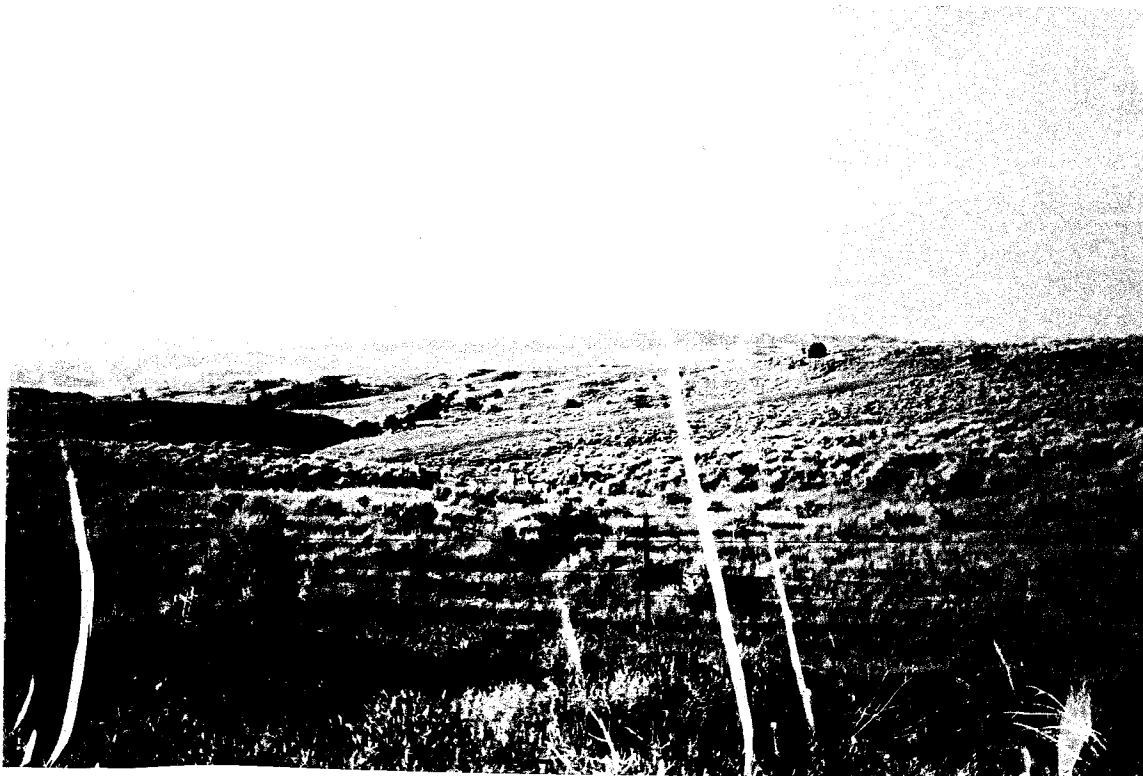
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Partridge on top of Hay
stack - 2004 Danner.
This landowner had leftover
Hay due to methane production

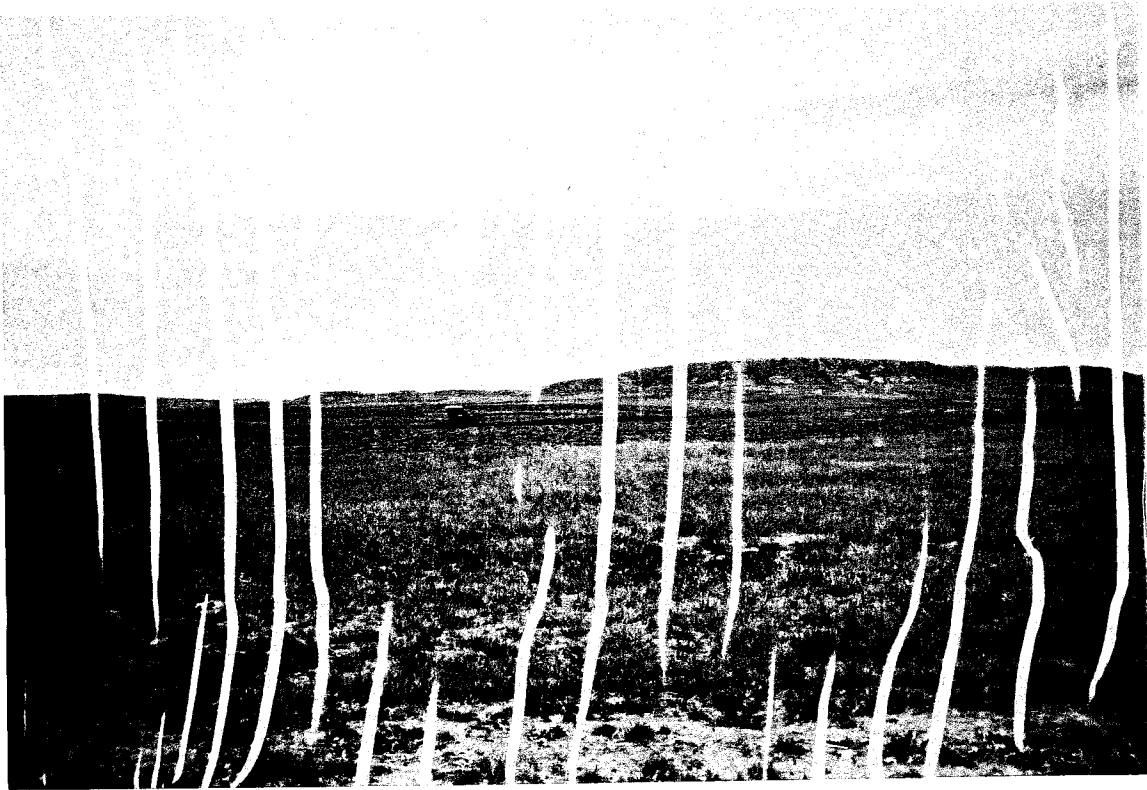
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Pitch Field - 2004
Mule Deer Bucks in
Methane Field



2004-CX
RC Pivots-HAN



2004 - DROUGHT year
Compare irrigated
fields to arid pasture



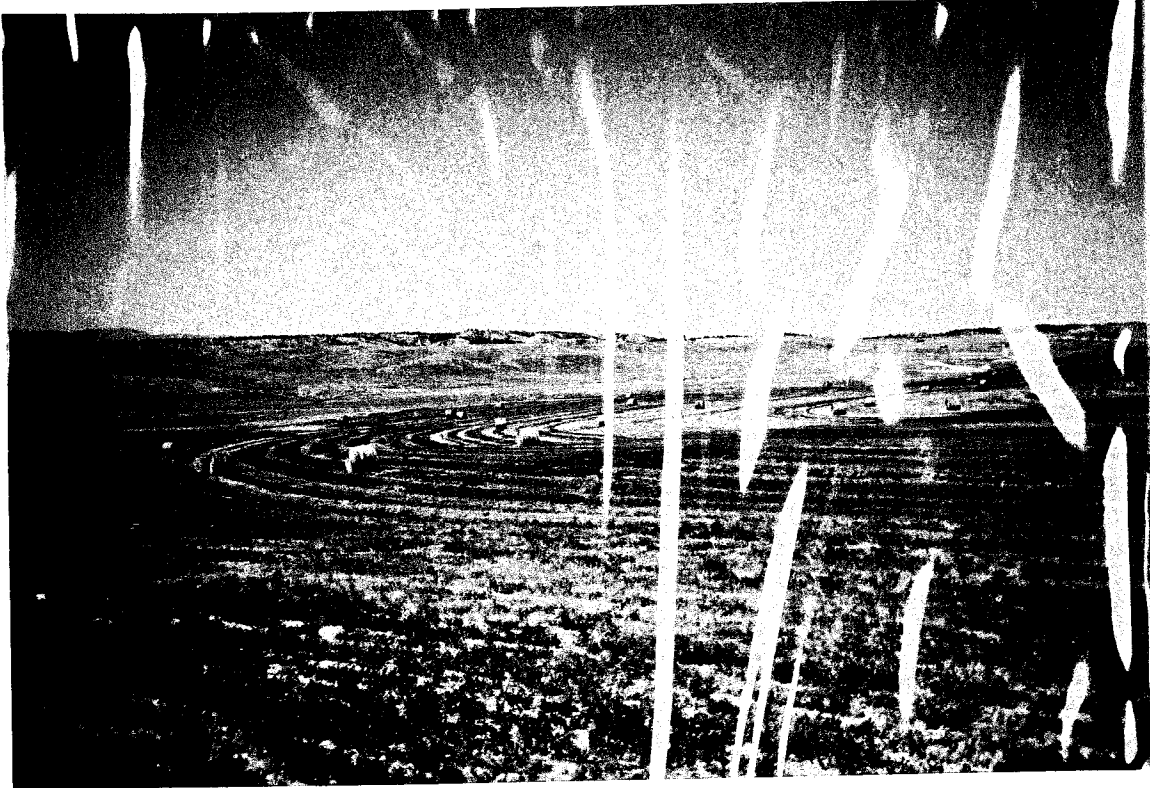


3004 RC PIVOTS CX Ranch
 Hay production possible
 during a drought



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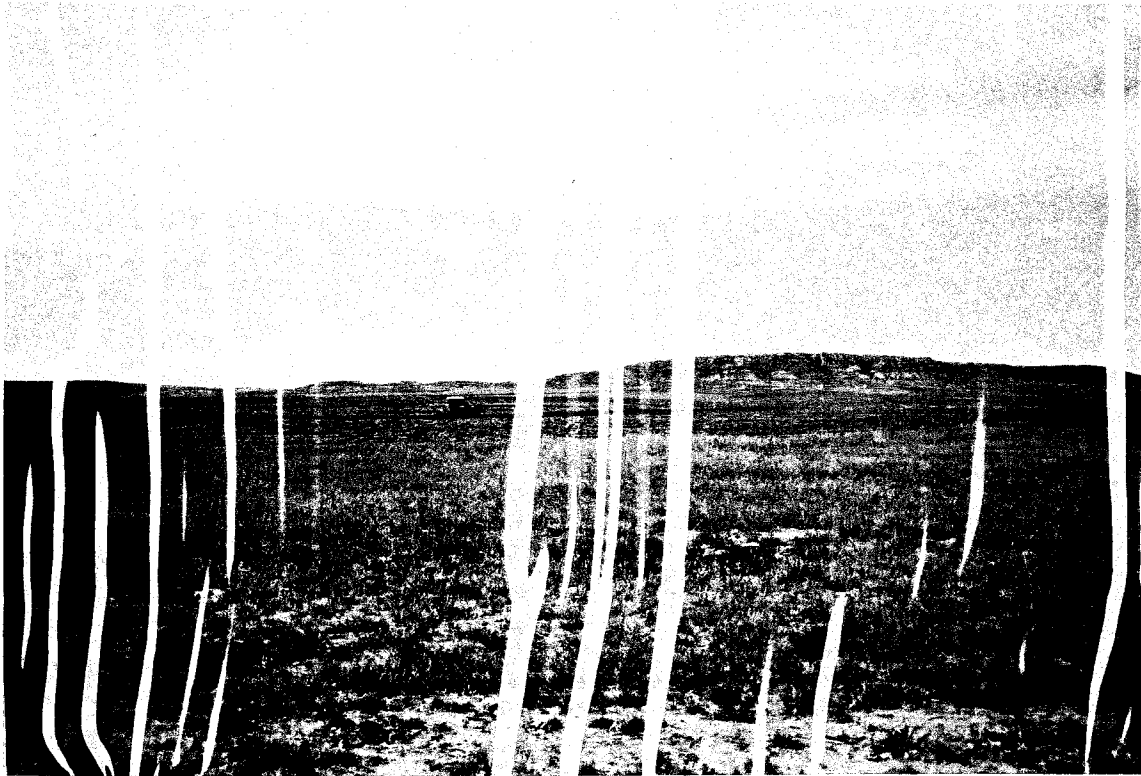
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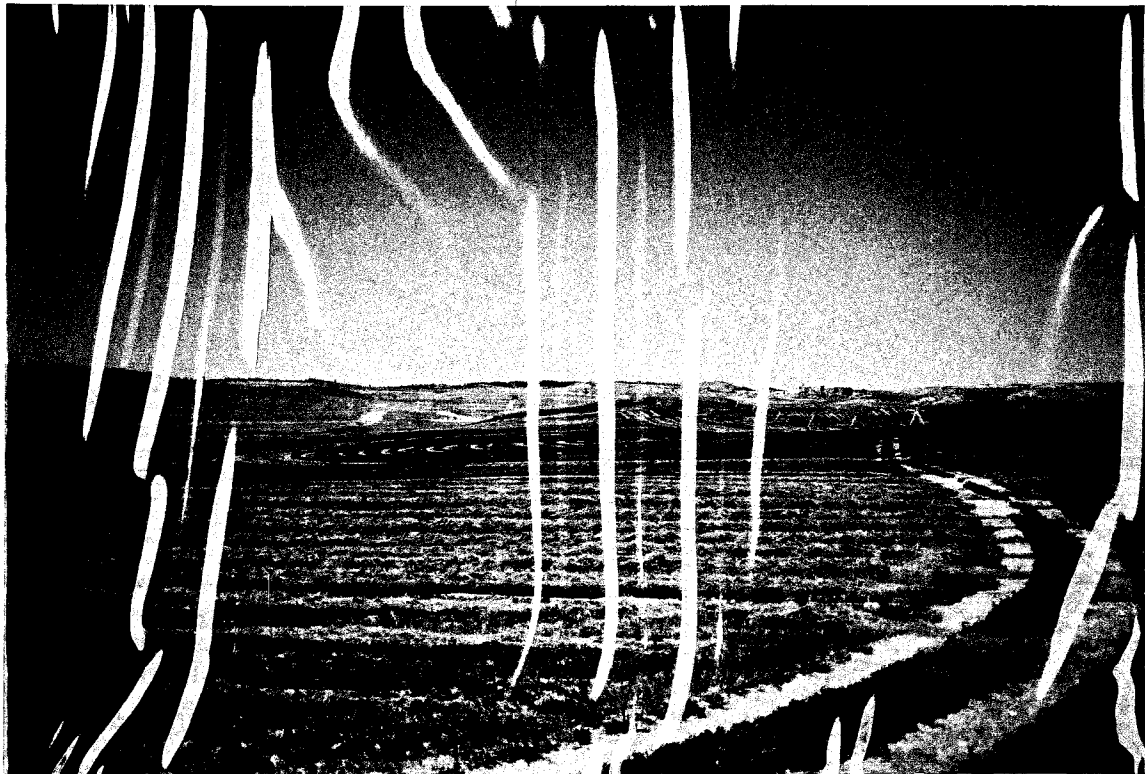
2004
RC PIVOTS - CRANF
Note the arid hills &
compare to Hayland



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